

WE CLAIM:

1. A mounting device for securing an electronic device comprising at least one opening to an equipment rack comprising a plurality of openings, comprising:

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- a) a mounting member comprising at least one flange, an end portion receivable within said at least one opening in said electronic device, and an inner cylindrical portion adapted to receive at least a first fastener and a second fastener, said first fastener having a different thread type than said second fastener; and
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- b) a securing device mounted on said end portion of said mounting member which is adapted to secure said mounting member to said electronic device.

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2. The mounting device of claim 1, said mounting member further comprising an opening extending at least partially around the circumference of said mounting member, said mounting device further comprising a retainer member positioned in said opening in said mounting member that is engaged with one of said first fastener and said second fastener when in a latched mode and disengaged from either said first fastener or said second fastener when in an unlatched mode.

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3. The mounting device of claim 2, said retainer member being a clip and further comprising a pair of resilient legs biased toward one another and connected by a flexible hinge, a smaller diameter portion positioned adjacent to one of said first fastener and said second fastener in said latched mode, and a larger diameter portion positioned adjacent to said first fastener or said second fastener in said unlatched mode.

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4. The mounting device of claim 1, said electronic device having a front surface and a rear surface, said mounting member further comprising:

- a) a first flange having a surface that abuts said front surface of said electronic device;
- b) a second flange having a surface that abuts said securing device;
- 5 c) wherein said surface of said second flange is spaced away from said rear surface of said electronic device to provide a small gap between said surface of said second flange and said rear surface of said electronic device.

10 5. The mounting device of claim 1, further comprising a biasing device positioned within said inner cylindrical portion of said mounting member.

15 6. The mounting device of claim 1, said securing device comprising a retainer ring mounted on and secured to said end portion of said mounting member.

20 7. A mounting device for securing an electronic device comprising at least one opening to an equipment rack comprising a plurality of openings, comprising:

- a) a mounting member comprising at least one flange, an opening extending at least partially around the circumference of said mounting member, an end portion receivable within said at least one opening in said electronic device, and an inner cylindrical portion adapted to receive at least a first fastener and a second fastener, said first fastener having a different thread type than said second fastener;
- 25 b) a retainer member adapted to be received by said opening in said mounting member, said retainer member having a smaller diameter portion positioned adjacent to said first fastener or said second fastener in a latched mode, and said retainer member having a larger diameter portion positioned adjacent to said first fastener or said
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second fastener in an unlatched mode which allows said first fastener to be removed from said mounting member and said second fastener to be inserted into said mounting member; and

5 c) a securing device mounted on said end portion of said mounting member which is adapted to secure said mounting member to said electronic device.

8. The mounting device of claim 7, said electronic device having a front surface and a rear surface, said mounting member further comprising:

10 a) a first flange having a surface that abuts said front surface of said electronic device;

b) a second flange having a surface that abuts said securing device;

15 c) wherein said surface of said second flange is spaced away from said rear surface of said electronic device to provide a small gap between said surface of said second flange and said rear surface of said electronic device.

9. The mounting device of claim 7, said retainer member being a clip and further comprising a pair of resilient legs biased toward one another and connected by a flexible hinge.

10. The mounting device of claim 7, further comprising a biasing device positioned within said inner cylindrical portion of said mounting member

11. The mounting device of claim 7, said securing device comprising a retainer ring mounted on and secured to said end portion of said mounting member.

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12. A method of mounting an electronic device having a first fastener attached thereto to an equipment rack adapted to receive a second fastener, said first fastener having a different thread type than said second fastener, comprising:

- 5 a) providing at least one mounting device, each mounting device comprising a mounting member which is adapted to receive at least said first fastener or said second fastener;
- b) for each mounting device, removing said first fastener from said mounting member without removing said mounting device from said electronic device;
- 10 c) for each mounting device, inserting said second fastener into said mounting member;
- d) for each mounting device, inserting said second fastener positioned into said mounting member into an opening in said equipment rack; and
- 15 e) for each mounting device, securing said second fastener to said equipment rack.

13. The method of claim 12, said mounting device further comprising a retainer member having a latched mode and an unlatched mode, the method further comprising:

- 20 a) for each mounting device, prior to removing said first fastener from said mounting member, placing said retainer member in said unlatched mode whereby said first fastener may be linearly removed from said mounting member; and
- 25 b) for each mounting device, subsequent to inserting said second fastener into said mounting member, placing said retainer member in said latched mode whereby said second fastener may not be linearly removed from said mounting member.

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14. A mounting device for securing an electronic device comprising at least one opening to an equipment rack comprising a plurality of openings, comprising:

- 5 a) means for mounting at least a first fastener and a second fastener, said first fastener having a different thread type than said second fastener, to said electronic device and said equipment rack;
- b) means for placing said first fastener and said second fastener in a latched mode and an unlatched mode; and
- 10 c) means for securing said mounting member to said electronic device.